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**EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. The application has been amended by updating the status paragraph as requested in a Printer Query as follows:

On page 1 of the specification, between the title and line 4, the status paragraph as presented in the Preliminary Amendment of October 19, 2001 (lines 3-8 from the bottom), has been rewritten as:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/446,591, filed April 21, 2000, now abandoned, which is a 371 of PCT/EP98/04022, filed June 22, 1998, which claims benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/053,033, filed July 10, 1997. --

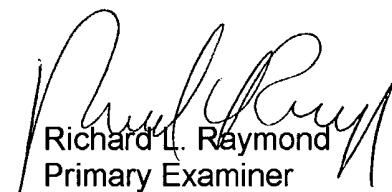
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard L. Raymond whose telephone number is (571) 272-0673. The examiner can normally be reached on maxiflex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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